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Sir:

Enclosed with this paper is a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report
(PCT/EP99/04642). As the Examiner will note, all the claims were deemed novel, had inventive
step and industrial applicability.

No additional fee is due. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing
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